



By the Committee of the Militia for the Countie of York.

WEE being Assigned and Authorized by Authority of Parliament for the raising of Forces within this Countie for suppressing of Invasions and Insurrections within the same, doe (according to our dutie both to God and our Countrey) Declare and Publish to all Inhabitants of this Countie, that at this present time whilst the Parliament is busied about settling the Peaceable Government of the Kingdome in the true Protestant Religion, and according to the just Rights both of King and People, (being the true scope and end of the Parliaments endeavours) a most wicked Confederacy of Papists, and other ill-affected and evill-disposed Persons of discontented spirits, and desperate fortunes, envying at the growing settlement of the Peace of this Nation, have joyned with an Army of Scotland, who have (contrary to the minds & desires of many wel-affected of that Nation, yea even of the generall Assembly of Divines of that Kingdom, by them published in Print, seriously advising to the contrary) Invaded this Kingdome in a Hostile manner with an Army out of Scotland, which Army is by the Commons of England in Parliament publicly Declared to be Enemies, and all such as adhere unto them, or assist them, Traytours and Rebels: and however they would colour their doings with fair pretences under the Cloak of the Covenant wrested and abused, yet have they miserably wasted some part of Cumberland and Westmerland already, driving away all their Goods, and stripping men and women of all they call'd theirs, and intending as appears, (if not speedily prevented) to enter into this Countie, and then no other can be expected but that they will in like sort Robb, and Plunder, and carry or send away whatsoever is of value and moveable, into Scotland, thereby to enrich themselves: These are therefore in the Name and Power of God Almighty, our onely Refuge and Rock of defence, to stirre up and awaken all true-hearted English-men, especially of this County of York, to joyn together as one man, and to require every man above the age of sixteen, and under the age of threescore, unanimously and manfully to rise and meet at the day of August instant, where divers well-affected Gentlemen of this Countrey will meet, joyn, and help to put into an orderly way the Forces raised for the beating back of this inroaching Enemy, and the suppressing of this horrid Rebellion and Invasion, which intends no lesse than reducing of our persons to slavery, and our Estates to their wills, and the subversion and subjection of this Kingdome. And all such as shall so Rise and Joyn, are desired to furnish themselves with the best Weapons they have or can get upon the sudden, and to carry with them ten dayes Provision of Victuals. And the seasonable performance hercof is expected from all the well-affected English, (as in old time when the Scottish Incursions were frequently repulsed by the Valour and Courage of these Northern Parts) as they tender the safetie of their Wives and Children from the Rapine and cruelty of the Enemy, their Estates and Goods from Plunder and Devastation, and the very Being and Welfare of this whole Kingdome from utter Ruine and Desolation: And such as shall be negligent herein, will be looked upon as persons ill-affected to this Kingdom and their Countries good. And this our Declaration is Ordered to be published in all Parish-Churches in this Countie the next Lords Day after the receipt hereof, by the Ministers and Churchwardens of each Parish, at their Perils; as also in the open Markets by the Head-Officers. Given at York the second day of August, 1648.

Signed by the Authoritie, and in the name of the Committee for the Militia above said.